

November 2012 Safety Spotlight





DEER STRIKE AWARENESS











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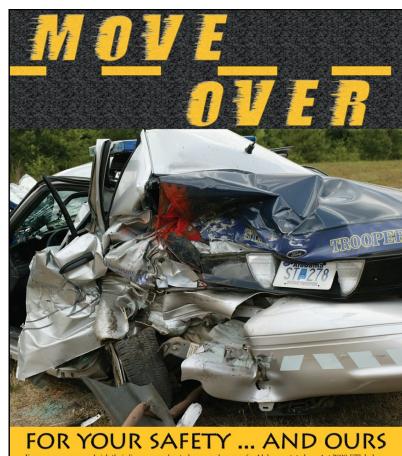
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<u>Tips To Avoid a Deer-Vehicle Collision</u>

- 1. Be especially wary at sunrise, sunset and drive carefully at night.
- 2. Drive at a safe speed.
- 3. Make sure you and your passengers are Buckled UP!
- 4. Drive defensively (be prepared to take evasive action, which includes being able to quickly slow down, brake suddenly, or turn down headlights).
- 5. Know when NOT to swerve (if you suddenly have a deer before your car, brake firmly. Do NOT swerve and leave your lane; many accidents are not due to colliding with the deer but are the result of driving into another car or truck in the opposite lane while trying to avoid the animal.)
- 6. Expect the unexpected.
- 7. Keep an eye out (scan the sides of the road as you drive).
- 8. Use the headlights of other cars to help you scan for deer.
- 9. One deer means more deer—see #7.
- 10. Honk your horn when you see a deer near the road!
- 11. Think ahead about how you would personally react in the situation. This pre-preparation mentally can make your reactions better and calmer.
- 12. Watch for water intersecting with the road—creeks, swamps, and wetlands attract deer.
- 13. Be extra aware if there is a fire. Deer will move quite a distance away from the fire and will cross roads far from their usual areas.

Remember: Safety Starts With You!



Emergency personnel risk their lives every day to keep roadways safe. Alabama state law, Act 2009-577, helps protect law enforcement officers and other emergency responders by requiring motorists to move over when approaching emergency vehicles that are stopped with their flashing emergency lights activated.

THE LAW REQUIRES:

4 or more lanes:

- ► Move over one lane,
 - Or, if it's unsafe to move over:
- ► Slow down to a speed at least 15 mph below posted limit

2 lanes:

▶ Move over as far as possible without leaving lane,

And

Slow down to a speed at least 15 mph below posted limit if speed limit is 25 mph or higher, or slow down to 10 mph if speed limit is 20 mph or less



MOVE OVER. IT'S THE LAW